

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1409 - HB 1373**

March 25, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the state to reimburse a local government that provides health insurance benefits for first responders for the portion of health insurance premiums and benefits for which the local government is responsible if it provides for the surviving spouse and children of a first responder killed in the line of duty, and not just the amount for which the local government is responsible under the health insurance policy.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$11,100/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-27-404 establishes continued health insurance coverage for up to two years for surviving family members of full-time first responders who are employed by local governments if: (1) the local government provides health insurance benefits to first responders, not under the state plan; and (2) elects to provide the continued health insurance coverage for first responders who are killed in the line of duty. The state is required to reimburse local governments for the portion of health insurance premiums and benefits under a health insurance policy provided to such surviving spouses and children.
- The proposed language would require the state to reimburse local governments for any and all costs paid for health benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents during the required two years.
- Based on information provided by Benefits Administration, the average cost for a spouse in the local government plan is \$11,079 per year.
- The increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$11,079 in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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